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FOR: MODIFIED FORMS OF HEPATITIS C NS3 PROTEASE FOR
FACILITATING INHIBITOR SCREENING AND STRUCTURAL
STUDIES OF PROTEASE-INHIBITOR COMPLEXES

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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of October 23, 2003 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on December 23, 2003. A one-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company in the amount of \$110 for payment of the extension fee. An additional copy of this paper is here enclosed. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-3880 in the name of Bristol-Myers Squibb Company.

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